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Docket No.: 13120-US-PA
Application No.: 10/710,766

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

In the Restriction Requirement, the application is considered to include three inventions: Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of expanding pins from a first chip to a second chip, classified in class 710, subclass 62; Claims 6-9, drawn to a system for selectively transmitting between a first interface command and an encoded first interface command, classified in class 710, subclass 305; and Claims 10-11, drawn to a memory chip circuit, classified in class 711, subclass 100. In response thereto, Applicants have elected the first invention including Claims 1-5 for further prosecution with traverse.

The Examiner considered that the aforementioned Inventions I and II, I and III, and II and III were combination and subcombination pairs that were "distinct, each from the other" for the reason that the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability (MPEP § 806.05(c)). Applicants respectfully submit that a method and a chip to expand pins of a chip disclosed in the instant application require the particulars of the three inventions to obtain the desired technical feature with novelty and nonobviousness claimed for patentability (MPEP § 806.05(c)). Hence, Applicants have accordingly incorporated Claim 6 into Claim 2 and Claim 10 into Claim 3 for a sufficiently defined scope of the claims. The amendments made to Claims 1-5 are believed to have placed the presented application in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the elected claims is therefore respectfully requested.

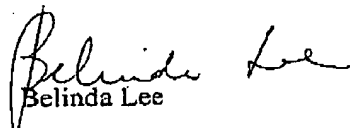
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Further, Applicants also reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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